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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed please find an extension of time in response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2002. A Continuation Application was filed under separate cover on December 6, 2002, and sent by Express Mail.

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Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for response from the date of the Examiner's action as needed, the fee being as follows:

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